

Charity Ball Sponsorship Opportunities



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Mission

The Junior League of Springfield, Missouri, Inc., is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

Vision

Women Building Better Communities

Values

- The necessity and significance of women exercising leadership throughout the community.
- Training and education that advance our personal and professional leadership skills.
- Advocacy for issues impacting women and children.
- An environment that encourages diversity of opinions and supports multi-generational engagement.
- Each member's unique needs for engagement in the League.

Training

JLS ensures that women have the opportunity to build better communities by establishing a pipeline of volunteers and future civic leaders that make our community stronger. JLS trains members to serve the community through our training programs, admissions training and community awareness program for new members, Association of Junior Leagues International sponsored workshops, Board and committee leadership training.

IMPACT

\$4.6 MILLION

DONATED TO THE COMMUNITY

\$1.3 MILLION

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

20,000

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

Proceeds Statement

Proceeds support JLS's mission to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. JLS is a 501(c)3 non-profit. JLS also supports numerous community partners by fulfilling grant requests from organizations who are affected by our focus.

Membership Info

JLS reaches out to women of all races, religions and national origins who demonstrate an interest in and a commitment to voluntarism. JLS began as the Community Service League of Springfield in 1959 and became the 231st member of the Association of Junior Leagues International (AJLI) in 1976, which today consists of 125,000 women in 296 member leagues across six countries. More than 400 Springfield women are currently members of JLS.

Funding

JLS funding is raised through corporate partnerships and fundraisers, including Sassafras! and Women Who Can Dish It Out cookbooks, the Plaid Door Resale Shop, our annual Charity Ball dinner and dance, Fall Home Tour. JLS is also supported by our Annual Giving Campaign and Endowment Fund.

Community Involvement

The Junior League of Springfield (JLS) leverages its resources to address issues of need in our community. Historically, JLS focused on child abuse and neglect. In recent years, JLS has widened its impact to also focus on the needs of underserved and disadvantaged women and children in our community. JLS impacts these issues through advocacy, direct service, and volunteer time. We collaborate with local experts and organizations to develop strong intervention programs, raise community awareness, and make a difference. JLS was instrumental in developing the following projects and programs to benefit the Springfield Community (partial list, beginning in 1959):

- Children's Clothing Bank
- Girls Club (now Boys & Girls Club)
- KOZK, Ozarks Public Television
- Regional Girls Shelter
- Child Advocacy Center
- History Museum of the Ozarks
- Community Needs Assessment Survey (now Community Focus Report)
- Dickerson Park Zoo Amphitheater
- Ozarks Food Harvest
- Reading is Fundamental
- Kids on the Block Puppet Troupe
- Isabel's House, Crisis Nursery of the Ozarks
- Discovery Center of Springfield
- American Red Cross Blood Mobile
- Greene County Teen Court
- Leadership Springfield
- Ronald McDonald House Mobile Dental Care Unit

"Today the Discovery Center of Springfield is regarded as one of the top science centers and children's museums in the country, but there would not even be a Discovery Center if not for the Junior League of Springfield. These innovators saw what our community would need and then willed it into reality by pouring their time and money into establishing this vital community asset that now inspires hundreds of thousands of children and adults each year through hands-on programs taught in three countries, over 30 states, and over 30 counties in Missouri. None of this would be possible if not for the tenacity and heart of these community leaders." - Rob Blevins, Discovery Center Executive Director

Current Projects 2023-2024

In the 2023-2024 league year, JLS will contribute volunteer hours to the following projects:

Better Block

Better Block SGF was modeled after the Better Block Foundation in Dallas, TX. The foundation began when a group of neighbors asked, "What if WE could fix our block?" Since 2015 they have partnered with communities across the country to create better blocks, and we are proud to continue their efforts here in Springfield, MO. Better Block SGF empowers individuals to build a sustainable, walkable and livable city, one block at a time. JLS members will construct a "hub" in Grant Beach area and organize a pantry. This program uses a community fridge concept to provide fresh and locally grown foods to neighborhood residents. This is the first of its kind in the area and has seen success in other communities around the country.

Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Springfield provides programs that guide and direct youth from all backgrounds, particularly those from at-risk environments. Through social, physical, and educational development activities, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Springfield teach youth the values of life, strengthen their self-esteem, help them become responsible and productive citizens of our community. JLS volunteers will provide support a Girl Empowerment Movement (GEM) Summit, celebrating women and inspiring confidence in female members of the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield.

Child Advocacy Center

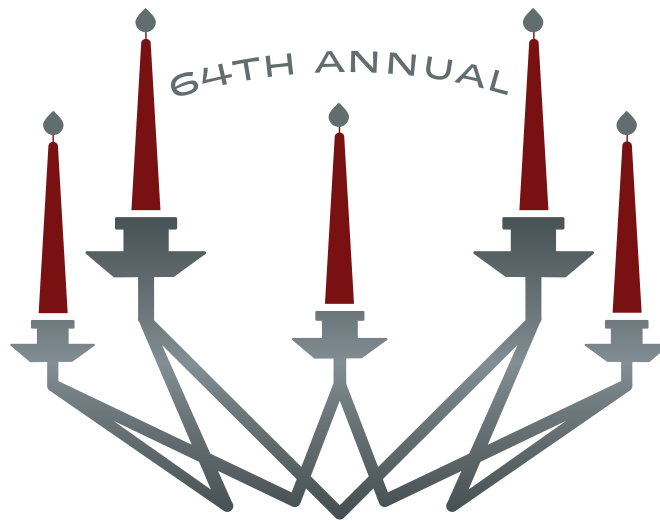
The Child Advocacy Center serves and supports neglected and abused children of Southwest and Southcentral Missouri. In coordination with the Missouri Children's Division and law enforcement, as well as medical and mental health professionals, the Child Advocacy Center utilizes a best practices approach that provides accessible and timely forensic interviews, medical exams and counseling services, in a safe, child-friendly environment. Through the Comfort and Care project, JLS volunteers will have the opportunity to make fleece comfort blankets for abused children. JLS Members will make comfort items that are given to children and teens that visit CAC

I Pour Life

I Pour Life assists in celebrating the achievements of youth in the I Pour Life Program. JLS will assist approximately 200 homeless and at-risk youth aging out of children's services (50 at each event). JLS volunteers will provide support at impact events for Life Strengths. Volunteers at impact events will provide opportunities for youth to network, expand on life skills development while providing JLS volunteers the opportunity to make a valuable connection with youth. LifeStrengths Impact Events would occur in the context of sessions on "Dining Etiquette," "Personal Hygiene and Hair Care," "Baking or Grilling Class," or "Resume Building and Interview Skills".



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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SPRINGFIELD
CANDLELIGHT CHARITY BALL
20 APRIL 2024

HICKORY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB | SPRINGFIELD MO

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLATINUM PRESENTING SPONSOR | \$10,000

- Two tables of 8
- Wine on both tables
- Swag bags
- Access to Patrons Party
- Priority seating and table signage
- Name printed on all publicity, including event program
- Special event night signage in lobby
- Publicity in JLS social media, website, and annual report
- 8 Women Who Can Dish It Out cookbooks

GOLD SPONSOR | \$5,000

- One table of 10
- Wine on table
- Access to Patrons Party
- Priority seating and table signage
- Name printed on all publicity, including event program
- Special event night signage in lobby
- Publicity in JLS social media, website, and annual report
- 5 Women Who Can Dish It Out cookbooks

SILVER SPONSOR | \$3,000

- One table of 8
- Access to Patrons Party
- Priority seating and table signage
- Name printed on all publicity, including event program
- Publicity in JLS social media, website, and annual report
- 4 Women Who Can Dish It Out cookbooks

BRONZE SPONSOR | \$2,500

- One table of 8
- Individual table signage
- Name printed on all publicity, including event program
- Publicity in JLS social media, website, and annual report
- 4 Women Who Can Dish It Out cookbooks

LEAGUE MEMBER PRICELESS | \$250

- 1 event ticket
- Recognition at event to celebrate years of service and dedication to the Junior League of Springfield
- Special seating for our Sustaining members



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